

July 27, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a letter of recommendation for Brok Liu (class of 2021) who is a shortstop and second baseman at Chandler High School, a 6A school in Chandler, Arizona. He has also been competing with the Angels Amateur Baseball Academy since 2018 and played in some of the top tournaments against high level competition including college level competition in the fall of 2019 and will do so this upcoming fall. He is currently the starting shortstop and lead-off hitter for the Angels Red 2021 team which features several other elite prospects from around the state.

My name is Joseph Ponce and I am the Head Varsity Baseball Coach and Physical Education Teacher at Desert Ridge High School in Mesa, Arizona. I have been teaching at the high school level for nearly 6 years teaching Physical Education and Health. I've coached high school baseball for 10 years both in Arizona as well as California. Along with coaching interscholastic high school baseball, I am also in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year coaching for the Angels Amateur Baseball Academy in Tempe, Arizona working exclusively with the class of 2021. In the last decade coaching and teaching I have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of student athletes. I've had over a dozen of my former student-athletes go onto successful careers as student-athletes at the collegiate level.

I have known Brok for over two years, and am fortunate to be able to continue to coach him this summer as well as a part of the Angels Amateur Academy. Brok has always been an extremely versatile baseball player who can play multiple infield positions, hit for power and for average as well. In multiple tournament games this summer, Brok has gone 2-3 with multiple RBI's including numerous extra base hits. Brok is smooth in the field and can play second base, shortstop or third base at the next level. During the fall of 2019, Brok consistently hit extremely well against collegiate competition each week and had a breakout 4-4 performance at the "Arizona Fall Classic" in October. In one particular game he nearly hit for the cycle against extremely talented competition. In a recent Prep Baseball Report event in June 2020, Brok went 2-2 with a double and a single against some of the state's top pitching prospects. He has a 92MPH exit velocity as an incoming senior in high school and an 82 MPH infield velocity. Both numbers are impressive. His 60 time was 7.30 seconds. He possesses a lot of athleticism and strength in his 5'11" 165 pound frame.

In a recent tournament in July 2020, Brok went 6-8 including a homerun, three doubles, a triple and single while being clean in the field with no errors. Brok's ability at the plate adds to his versatility. He can bat anywhere in the lineup and be productive. He has been progressing extremely well at the plate and in the infield. Brok has a great approach at the plate and is our most consistent hitter.

Brok also sets himself apart in the classroom carrying a 4.5 grade point average with a rigorous course load at his high school. His GPA last spring earned him first team "6A All Academic Honors". His attention to detail in his school work, training program and improving daily in all aspects of the game of baseball are what sets him apart from many of his peers in the class of 2021. I firmly believe Brok can contribute as a student-athlete at the college level and will be an asset to any team willing to give him the opportunity. If you have any other questions about Brok Liu's character and or ability as a baseball player please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,  
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